

## CONFERENCE

The Reformation and the Anabaptists  
*Steps to reconciliation*

The Swiss Reformation started as a movement of renewal, but soon became a story of separation and persecution. The Reformed Church of Zurich wishes to acknowledge this era of intolerance in the historic city, where the roots of both the Reformed and the Anabaptists are found. Heinrich Bullinger, successor of Zwingli, born 500 years ago, has been recognized by a memorial on the northwest wall of the Grossmunster. On June 26 a historical marker for Felix Manz and his friends will be placed by the Limmat River, where they were drowned as martyrs of the Anabaptist Movement.

During this conference we will recall that era of separation and persecution.

*Workshops* will offer a deeper look at various aspects of our history, and will help us reflect on the possibilities of a common future.

A festive service in the Grossmunster will recognize the common bond both groups share in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A cultural evening program will conclude this historic occasion.

This conference is a common project of the *Evangelical-Reformed Church of the Canton of Zurich* and the *Swiss Mennonite Conference*.

## PROGRAM

10:00 am Conference in the Grossmunster  
*Witnesses of the past and the present in word and music*  
with Larry Miller, Mennonite World Conference, Setri Nyomi, World Alliance of the Reformed Churches, and guests from North America and around the world.

12:00 noon Lunch

2:00 pm Workshops  
(see next page)

4:15 pm Festive service in the Grossmunster  
*Steps to reconciliation*

6:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Inauguration of the memorial for Felix Manz at the Limmat River

9:00 pm Cultural Evening Programme in the Grossmunster

- Mennonite and Amish stories by John Sharp featuring Roland van Straaten, Blues Harp
- Clips from the new film about Mennonites in Switzerland and USA by Peter von Gunten
- New Swiss Folk Music

## WORKSHOPS

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
To deepen our common understanding of Anabaptist and Reformed traditions

1 **Reformed and Anabaptists Today**  
Pierre Bühler, Professor of Theology, discussion with representatives of both traditions

2 **If One Member Suffers ...**  
Bible study: One text – two traditions

3 **On the Trail of the Anabaptists in Zurich**  
A special sightseeing tour

4 **Heinrich Bullinger: 500 years**  
Viewing the exhibition in the Grossmunster

5 **Peace, State and the Church**  
Political workshop

6 **Anabaptist Roots in Switzerland**  
Forum on living Genealogy by Gary J. Waitner

7 **Music Workshop**  
Songs tell our history by Liliane Gerber and Daniel Schmid

8 **Reformed and Mennonites**  
International Dialogue, Larry Miller (Mennonite World Conference) and Setri Nyomi (World Alliance of Reformed Churches)

9 **Sense and Nonsense of Today's "Events of Reconciliation"**  
What the spirit is saying to the churches today by Hanspeter Jecker